

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

a processor;

a port to which an input device [is] may be coupled;

a firmware memory in which software to support the input device resides; and

a power switch to cause the apparatus to be powered on and the software to support the input device to be loaded and executed by the processor if the power switch is pressed at a time when the apparatus is turned off and is held for at least a predetermined period of time, and to cause the apparatus to be powered on and the software to support the input device to not be loaded if the power switch is pressed at a time when the apparatus is turned off and is held for less than the predetermined period of time.

2. (Cancelled) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the switch is the power switch of the apparatus.

3. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the [computer also runs] processor further executes setup software residing in the firmware memory if the power switch is pressed at a time when the apparatus is turned off and is held for at least a predetermined period of time.

4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the predetermined period of time is 3 seconds.

5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the predetermined period of time is adjustable.
6. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the port to which the input device is coupled is a universal serial bus port.
7. (Original) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the input device is a keyboard.
8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the port to which the input device is coupled is a keyboard port.
9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the input device is a keyboard.
10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the apparatus is a computer system.
11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the apparatus is an audio/visual entertainment appliance.
12. (Currently amended) A method, comprising:
- detecting the pressing of a power switch on an electronic device when the electronic device is turned off;
 - measuring the length of time for which the power switch was pressed to differentiate between whether the power switch was pressed or was pressed and held; and
 - powering up the electronic device and loading software to support an input device that may be coupled to a port on the electronic device if the power

switch was pressed and held, and refraining from loading the software to support the input device if was pressed, but not held.

13. (Cancelled) The method of claim 12, wherein the switch is the power switch of the electronic device.

14. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the electronic device is a computer system.

15. (Currently amended) The method of claim 12, further comprising running setup software if the power switch was pressed and held.

16. (Currently amended) The method of claim 12, wherein a predetermined period of time of 3 seconds is used to differentiate between whether the power switch was pressed or was pressed and held.

17. (Currently amended) The method of claim 12, wherein an adjustable predetermined period of time is used to differentiate between whether the power switch was pressed or was pressed and held.

18. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the port to which the input device is coupled is a universal serial bus port.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein the input device is a keyboard.

20. (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising:
a processor;

a firmware memory in which setup software to configure the apparatus resides; and

ai a power switch to cause the setup software [to configure the apparatus] to be loaded and [run] executed by the processor if the power switch is pressed at a time when the apparatus is turned off and is held for at least a predetermined period of time, and to cause the setup software to be prevented from being loaded and executed by the processor.

21. (Cancelled) The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the switch is the power switch of the apparatus.
22. (Original) The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the predetermined period of time is 3 seconds.
23. (Original) The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the predetermined period of time is adjustable.
24. (Original) The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the apparatus is a computer system.
25. (Original) The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the apparatus is an audio/visual entertainment appliance.
26. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium comprising instructions, which when executed by a processor of an electronic device, causes the processor to:

detect the pressing of a power switch on the electronic device when the electronic device is turned off;

[measuring] measure the length of time for which the power switch was pressed to differentiate between [whether] the power switch being [was pressed or was] pressed and held, versus being pressed, but not held; and

al [loading and enabling] load and enable support for an input device that may be coupled to a port on the electronic device if the power switch was pressed and held, and refraining from enabling support for the input device that may be coupled to the port on the electronic device if the power switch was pressed, but not held.

27. (Cancelled) The computer readable medium of claim 26, wherein the switch is the power switch of the electronic device.

28. (Currently amended) A computer readable medium comprising instructions, which when executed by a processor of an electronic device, causes the processor to:

detect the pressing of a power switch on the electronic device when the electronic device is turned off;

[measuring] measure the length of time for which the power switch was pressed to differentiate between [whether] the power switch being [was pressed or was] pressed and held, versus being pressed, but not held; and

[loading and enabling] load and enable setup software to configure the electronic device if the power switch was pressed and held, and refrain from loading and enabling setup software to configure the electronic device if the power switch was pressed, but not held.

29. (Cancelled) The computer readable medium of claim 28, wherein the switch is the power switch of the electronic device.

30. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 28, wherein the electronic device is a computer.
